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REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-18 have been made the subject of a requirement for restriction to one of the following inventions:

Group I: claims 1-14, drawn to a carrier for a biological specimen, classified in U.S. class 312/209; or

Group II: claims 15-18, drawn to a carrier for a biological specimen, classified in U.S. class 435/260.

Responsive to the requirement, Applicants elect the claims of Group II for prosecution in the application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the nonelected claims in one or more divisional applications which may be filed while this application remains pending.

Conclusion

The claims are in condition for examination on the merits. An early, thorough, and favorable examination is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative to discuss any issues that may arise prior to or after such examination.

Respectfully submitted,

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